Infiltration of Bhutanese Nationals

5146. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been large scale infiltration of Bhutanese nationals of Nepalese origin into Jalpaiguri District of West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to check the infiltration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) No large scale infiltration of Bhutanese Nationals of Nepali origin to Jalpaiguri district of West Bengal has come to notice in the recent past.

(d) Does not arise.

Rehabilitation of Displaced Persons from Former East Pakistan

5147. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rehabilitation of a large number of displaced persons from former East Pakistan remain yet to be completed;

(b) if so, whether the Government of West Bengal has submitted a number of proposals for consideration of the Union Government to solve the residual problems in this regard; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Government of West Bengal submitted a Memorandum on the problem of displaced persons from former East Pakistan in July, 1991.

(c) The Memorandum has been examined. A scheme for liquidating the residuary problem of regularisation of 607 post-1950 Squatters' Colonies of Displaced Persons in West Bengal is under implementation.

Volcano in Andaman Island

5148. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether volcano in Andaman Island is erupting fire and lava on large scale and it has become difficult to reach there due to disturbance in the sea; and

(b) if so, the steps taken so far by the Government to provide proper facilities to the scientists to start research work rapidly and to check spreading of volcano and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Andaman Administration and Naval Authorities are providing all possible facilities to scientists for conducting studies on the volcanic eruption in April, 1991 in Barren Island. With their assistance, a team of scientists of Geological Survey of India (GSI), Department of Ocean Development and local voluntary organisations have gone to Barren Island thrice and collected samples of lava and ash for study.

Since the end of June, 1991 landing at the Barren Island by the sea-route was not possible due to rough weather as the landing